(d) what is the amount sacrificed through these compromises and giving details thereof bank-wise and sector-wise (industry, trade, agriculture, etc.)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Normally banks, after exhausting all even of recovery and to safeguard their interests and enforcement of suitably within the period of law of limitation, file suits for recovery of outstanding amounts remaining unpaid by the borrowers. Even after such filing of suits the banks are within their rights to seek out of court settlement of such cases based on their assessment and judgement. The information regarding the amount of cases disposed of outside the court is not generated by the Data Reporting System of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), hence, it may not be possible to provide figures in this regard.

Government, have separately advised all the public sector banks in September 1991 to issue instructions to functionaries down the line in their banks to take up more and more bank loan cases before the Lok Adalats for early settlement. In addition, the Reserve Bank of Indian (RBI) has also advised India Bank Association to exhort member banks to bring loan recovery cases upto Rs. 2 lakhs to Lok Adalats and settle them through fair compromises. This would facilitate early settlement of all small disputes between the banks and the aggrieved parties.

Income Tax Collected From Professionals

64. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state what is the total income tax collected from professionals like Doctors, Architects, Auditors, Journalists, Artists, etc. giving State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): The Record of collection of direct taxes are not maintained trade-wise/industry-wise or profession-wise. Therefore, it may not be possible to furnish the information regarding the total Income tax collected from Doctors, Architects, Auditors, Journalists, Artists etc.

Reserve Bank of India Guidelines on Bank Recoveries

65. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India to commercial banks to augment recoveries;

(b) what has been the impact thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure implementation of these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has issued various guidelines to the banks to minimise the amount of overdues and also to improve their recovery performance in respect of their advances to various sectors. Some of the important guidelines are as follow:—

1. Banks have been impressed upon to institute a viable recovery system with a view to help recycling the scarce resources of the banks to the needy and productive sectors of the economy on the one hand and to improve the profitability and viablity of the lending banks, on the other.

2. Introduction of comprehensive and uniform grading system to indicate the health of individual advances for the purpose of their effective